

**Listing of the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of maintaining a building structure free of fungi, the building having an enclosed space within the structure having defined by a floor surface, side walls and a ceiling, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a housing having an inlet end and an outlet end;

providing a blower at the outlet end of the housing having an inlet for receiving air flowing through the housing and an outlet for discharging air delivered to the blower inlet;

providing a plenum at the inlet end of the housing;

providing a plurality of elongated tubular intake conduits having outlet ends connected to the plenum and inlet ends extending downwardly from the outlet ends;

positioning the housing in an upper region of the enclosed space with the inlet ends of the conduits opening at spaced collecting air from a plurality of spaced locations within the enclosed space, the locations being proximate the floor surface and distributed over the entire area of the floor surface so as whereby to effectively collect air from the entire enclosed space proximate the floor surface in response to operation of the blower and draw the collected air through the conduits and through the housing for delivery to the blower inlet;

delivering the collected air to a central chamber positioned within the enclosed space;

positioning a blower within the chamber having an inlet for receiving the collected air and an outlet for discharging the air delivered to the inlet;

subjecting the air flowing from the enclosed space to the blower to a germicidal treatment; and

discharging the collected and germicidally treated air from the blower outlet.

2. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the germicidal treating step comprises:

creating a fungi killing zone ; and

passing the flow of air through the killing zone.

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